

it. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do object to your structuring this in that way. I feel that it should not matter to the Legislature who wants to speak for it or against it but it is a resolution. We have an hour in which to address it and we should just continue an hour today, an hour tomorrow, until we finish it. I think it is inappropriate to stifle debate in that manner. Although I don't care to speak on the resolution myself, I still think it is inappropriate for this type of action to be taken.

PRESIDENT: All right, there will be no structure. We now take up the resolution, LB 156, LR 156, proposed by Senator DeCamp and Senator Frank Lewis. This is a different LR 156 than we had the other day. Will you read the resolution?

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 156. It can be found on page 354 of the Legislative Journal. Read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the resolution. I hope that we have removed the objections that the membership had in terms of the subpoena and the investigative nature of the committee. I think we have attempted to say that this is an oversight committee to look at those issues in terms of valuations that we must look at. So I ask your support on the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I think the resolution is fairly clear cut. I think we all know we have a problem in the area of property taxes and the way they are being handled. How to correct it? You first have to look at it and find out what is causing the problem and all these things. I think there was some concern the other day when we brought in the resolution. There was some concerns about which direction it was going, whether it was going to be a witch hunt, this kind of thing. This resolution is too important to let those things cloud this important work. So I have offered an amendment up there which I hope will be additionally satisfactory and clear up even any minor questions and that amendment simply says that the committee would be chaired by Senator Calvin Carsten. It would consist of the committee heads and be chaired by Senator Cal Carsten. Why did I select or why did we select Cal Carsten? I talked to a number of Senators and they all pretty uniformly agreed that you had to have three elements for sure in a Chairman. First of all, he had to have a lot of time, which meant probably he could not be one of the existing chairmen. Number two, he had to be an individual who knew quite a bit about this, who had worked on it and who had some rapport with other Senators in this area and we pretty uniformly agreed again that that man was Cal Carsten, and finally, we tried to reach agreement on somebody that I think everybody would have confidence in and respect, that he would immediately go into the job and be as fair and impartial as is humanly possible and again the name Cal Carsten came up. So that is the amendment I am offering,